

CLAIMS:

1. In an optocoupler drive circuit for the high side of a totem pole power transistor pair in a bridge circuit for commutating a motor the improvement comprising:

the optocoupler output device being directly connected to the upper power transistor in the totem pole, and means for controlling the drive current to said upper power transistor to reduce its speed of turn on.

2. An optocoupler drive circuit as claimed in claim 1 wherein said means for controlling said drive current is a series resistor of selected value.